

**IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant(s): **Lee, et al.**

Case: **Lee 6-1 (LCNT/122291)**

Serial No.: **09/672,204** Filed: **September 28, 2000**

Examiner: **Ramy M. Osman** Group Art Unit: **2457**

Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
SONET/SDH RING LOAD BALANCING**

Confirmation #: **8791**

**MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**


SIR:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants believe that the record of the prosecution as a whole, including Applicants' specification and claims, provides additional reasons for allowance. The Examiner's Reasons for Allowance do not necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why the claims are allowed and, therefore, should not be used to interpret the scope of the claims in place of the record of the prosecution as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 10/28/00



Eamon J. Wall, Attorney
Registration No. 39,414
PATTERSON & SHERIDAN, L.L.P.
595 Shrewsbury Avenue, Suite 100
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702
Telephone: 732-530-9404
Facsimile: 732-530-9808